

On behalf of our side, we want to congratulate the Republicans on their victory. I was sorely tempted to object to this whole colloquy.

Mr. OXLEY. I would have found a way somehow to get this in.

Mr. HOYER. It is always a terrific evening where everybody enjoys themselves. There is good comradeship on the field, across the party lines. It is good fun. The Republicans had a great game, particularly early on. They got way ahead of us. We tried to catch up and could not do it, but it was a fun evening.

Mr. Speaker, the Bowie Bay Sox, a Double A team in the Baltimore Oriole organization, and the Bay Sox Stadium located in Bowie, Maryland, in my district, has been the host of this ball game over the last 6 or 7 years. It is a great little stadium, one of the best minor league stadiums, I think, in the country. It is a fun place to play, but it is approximately 25, 30 minutes from here and, with traffic, a longer period of time.

As the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY), the manager of the Republican team, has pointed out, we had double the crowd, maybe even more than double the crowd, the largest crowd in our history, and the beneficiaries, of course, are the children and the families and the institutions that benefited from the contributions made by the people who attended and by those sponsors who generously provided resources to support this game.

I want to congratulate the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. OXLEY). I know on behalf of the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), the Democratic manager for many, many years who is not on the floor, I want to congratulate him and all of our players as well. It is a fun evening. It is a good evening. We congratulate the winners.

We are out recruiting very heavily. We used to recruit people who we thought would be good Members of Congress. We have slightly changed our focus. We are trying to get some good ball players. But we will work at it.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring who is going to do the schedule today.

Mr. MCHENRY. I shall, Mr. Speaker. I am Congressman PATRICK MCHENRY, a new Member from North Carolina.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, based on the kindness of the majority leader

allowing for new Members to be involved in this process, the majority party's governance of the House, I would seek to outline for fellow Members what the majority intends to do next week in terms of the agenda. Normally this is what the minority whip would ask at this point; however, I certainly see him leaving the floor.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Monday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates. At 2 p.m. we will move to legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the day. Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider several measures under the rule: The Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006; the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006; and H.R. 2864, the Water Resources Development Act of 2005.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to thank the majority leader for his hard work on keeping our agenda on track here in the House. I certainly thank him for his leadership, and I want to thank the majority leader also for providing more opportunities for new Members of the House. Unfortunately, it seems that the minority whip did not see that as a good opportunity to broaden the base and allow others to have a role in this House.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have been speaking about the tragedy in Iraq, the need for a plan,

and we have formulated the Out of Iraq Caucus that really responds to the American people who have lost confidence in the reason why we went to war, some 50 to 60 percent. And even though we have heard from Secretary Rumsfeld on defending the status quo that the insurgent battle has been won, we know that the commanding general has said it is ongoing.

But to add consternation to that, I share with my colleagues that funds for health care for veterans is \$1 billion. We see here in the Washington Post the outrage of Senate Republicans, and I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) for bringing it to our attention.

We should not leave this place until we respond to the needs of returning veterans who now come home after fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan where we are \$1 billion short for their care. What are we saying to those who are willing to sacrifice their lives on the front lines of Iraq and Afghanistan? When they come home with liver disease, when they come home with trauma, mental illness, we have no place for them to go.

CONGRATULATING FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS OF HILLANDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the fifth grade students of Hillander Elementary School in Midland, Texas for raising \$4,200 on Saturday, April 30, 2005, for the honorable men and women of the Midland-based Texas National Guard Company C, 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry, who have been deployed in the Middle East for some 5 months now.

Mary Clare Holmes, a student at Hillander, devised plans for a fundraiser after hearing stories of children who raised money for the victims of last year's tsunamis. With these fellow youngsters in mind, she enlisted her classmates to raise money through a bake sale for their hometown troops.

They devoted their time to helping our men and women fighting for freedom abroad by making items such as salsa, bundt cake, and cookies for the sale. They set a positive example not only for our Nation's youth but showed the American spirit of giving that should be an example to everyone. The noble efforts of these students were well received in the community and the items for sale were quickly purchased.

With the resounding success of the bake sale, the students wanted to make sure the proceeds were used in a way that would most benefit the soldiers and their families. With the advice of local army officials, the students decided that the money they raised would be best used to purchase phone cards. The efforts of the fifth graders at